

ACCELERATE UPDATE

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College Crusade
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RHODE ISLAND IS INCREASING EARLY COLLEGE EXPERIENCES FOR OUR TRADITIONALLY UNDERSERVED STUDENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

In the wake of COVID-19, student participation in early college access programs declined by more than 3% across the country. Some state-level dual enrollment programs experienced a 30% decline in participation.

Despite these national trends, Rhode Island is seeing a **dramatic increase** in student participation in early college experiences like dual and concurrent enrollment.

Program Type	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Year-over-year increase in participation
	# of courses taken by RI public school students	# of courses taken by RI public school students	% Change
Dual Enrollment	1,152	1,436	24.7%
Concurrent Enrollment Courses	4,142	4,448	7.4%
Total Early College Courses	5,294	5,884	11.1%

The Accelerate program is one of the reasons for Rhode Island's growth.

WHY ACCELERATE MATTERS

Accelerated college credit programs are a key lever to impact college-going rates.

55%



**PPSD'S RATE OF COLLEGE
ENROLLMENT FOR STUDENTS
GRADUATING IN 2020**

69%



**RI'S RATE OF COLLEGE
ENROLLMENT FOR STUDENTS
GRADUATING IN 2020**

89%



**CCRI ACCELERATE STUDENTS WHO
INDICATED A DESIRE TO ENROLL IN
COLLEGE IN FALL 2021**

FAR TOO FEW OF PPSD SENIORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCELERATE

1,678

Rising seniors are currently enrolled in PPSD.

268

Rising seniors PPSD met the eligibility requirements to participate in Accelerate.

117

Of the eligible rising seniors attend Classical High School.

1 in 6

PPSD seniors met the eligibility criteria to participate in Accelerate.

1 in 10

PPSD seniors met the eligibility criteria to participate in Accelerate outside of Classical High School.

WHAT IS ACCELERATE?

An alternative senior year for PPSD seniors focused on academic success and career exploration.

● PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- Students take classes at CCRI full-time
- Earn up to 24 college credits
- Explore 1 of 7 career and academic pathways
- Prepare for their post-secondary journey

● HOLISTIC STUDENT SUPPORT

- Students assigned a dedicated support staff and advisors
- Multi-faceted support from CCRI, PPSD, and the College Crusade
- Embedded academic support including 24/7 virtual tutoring options

● ORIENTATION WEEK

- Designed to solidify the cohort model
- Provide critical college success resources

● STUDENT SUPPLIES

- Laptops
- Wi-Fi access points
- Textbooks



ACCELERATE STUDENT STORIES

“I HAVE REALLY ENJOYED THE SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT AND HAVING THE CHANCE TO GET A FEEL FOR AN ACTUAL COLLEGE SCHEDULE...ANYONE THAT HAS THE CHANCE SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY.”

STEPHANIE

“ACCELERATE GAVE ME A CHANCE TO EXPLORE SUBJECT AREAS I DIDN'T KNOW I WAS INTERESTED IN...I PLAN TO FINISH MY ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE AT CCRI AND TRANSFER TO UMASS DARTMOUTH.”

NICHOLAS

CCRI PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



47

PPSD STUDENTS
ADMITTED

18

AVERAGE COLLEGE
CREDITS EARNED

7

PARTICIPATING
HIGH SCHOOLS

90%

FAFSA COMPLETION RATE

83%

FALL-TO-SPRING
PERSISTENCE RATE

4

PATHWAYS EXPLORED

79%

OVERALL
RETENTION

LESSONS LEARNED



FINANCIAL HARDSHIP



MATH READINESS



PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



STUDENT CHOICE

ACCELERATE 2021-2022 PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- 1 FULL-TIME, IN-PERSON PROGRAM TO ENSURE IMMERSION & CREDIT ACCUMULATION
- 2 ENHANCED ORIENTATION WITH INCREASED FOCUS ON EXPECTATIONS AND TIME MANAGEMENT
- 3 7 ACADEMIC AND CAREER PATHWAYS
- 4 LIGHTER FALL COURSELOAD FOCUSED ON HS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
- 5 SPRING COURSES FOCUSED ON PATHWAY INTRO
- 6 OPTIONAL 2ND WEEK OF ORIENTATION FOR MATH OR ELA SUPPORT



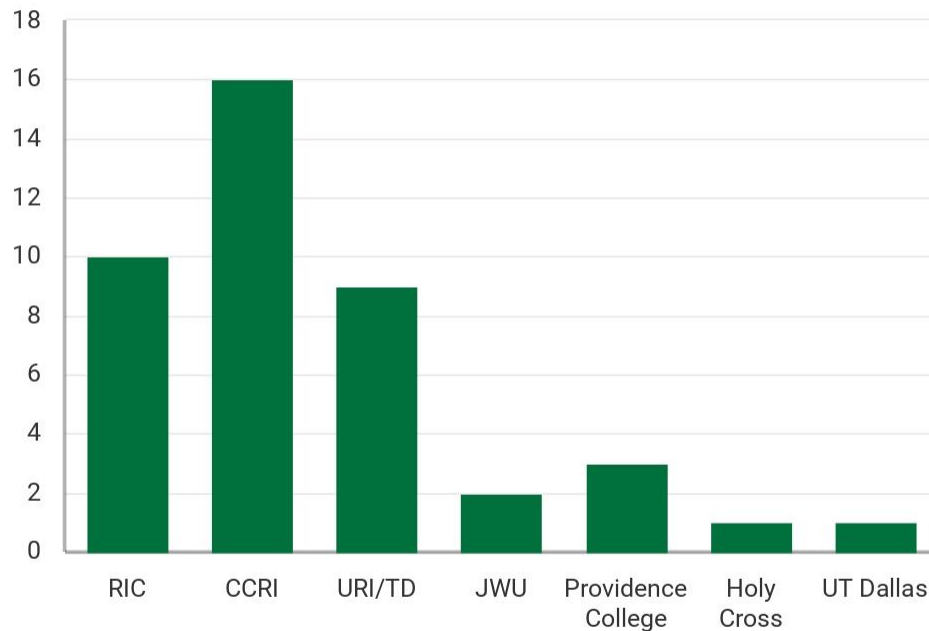
STUDENT SUPPORT

- One-on-One career and academic advising
- Assessing and troubleshooting student needs
- Staying on track to with student success goals
- Weekly group advising in collaboration with CCRI
- College transition and success workshops
- Communication with families as needed
- Referrals to support services offered by both the College Crusade and CCRI



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS ASSISTANCE

- Common App completion
- FAFSA completion
- College search
- College admissions
- College virtual tours
- TD App completion
- College essay writing
- Scholarship search and application



2021 -2022 ENROLLMENT



ELIGIBILITY

- **410 PSAT SCORE**
- **2.8+ GPA (APPROX. 80% OR B- AVERAGE)**
- **80% ATTENDANCE RECORD**
OR Prepare RI Completion OR
equivalent WBL experience
- **ACCUPLACER TEST
(SOLELY FOR PLACEMENT)**

RECRUITMENT

- **START EARLY**
 - Info sessions for HS staff
 - Info sessions for students and families
- **REVISED APPLICATION**
 - FERPA forms (CCRI and CC)
 - Recommendation form
 - Grad requirements
- **CONTRACT**
 - Signed by student/family
 - Outlines expectations
 - Recommendations (e.g. <20 hours of paid work)

QUESTIONS?

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